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1. MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM TCC SECRETARY TERRENCE GARRETT THAT PROPOSED INFORMAL MEETING OF INFCE CO-CHAIRMEN WILL NOT BE HELD BECAUSE OF LACK OF SUPPORT FROM SOME CO-CHAIRMEN. IN TELEX SO INFORMING CO-CHAIRMEN, CHAYES HAS SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH THERE WILL BE NO MEETING HE PLANS TO BE IN VIENNA APRIL 10 THRU 12 FOR INFCE PURPOSES AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE WITH CO-CHAIRMEN OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AT IAEA INFCE OFFICES. IN TELEX CHAYES SOLICITS EARLY SUBMITTAL TO TCC SECRETARY OF SUGGESTIONS FOR JUNE TCC AGENDA, AND INDICATES INTENT
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TO DISCUSS TCC AGENDA ITEMS DURING APRIL 10-12
CONSULTATIONS.

2. MISSION URGES DEPARTMENT'S EARLY ATTENTION TO MATTER OF TCC AGENDA, AND TO QUESTION OF TCC CHAIRMANSHIP AND COORDINATION MECHANISM. IN ADDITION TO TCC AGENDA TOPICS SUGGESTED PARA 1, REF A, THREE ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE

AGENDA TOPICS ARE HEREBY FORWARDED FOR DEPARTMENT
CONSIDERATION:

- A. INFCE COORDINATION MECHANISMS; BOTH THE FRG AND THE
USSR CO-CHAIRMEN HAVE SUGGESTED (IN THEIR TELEX RESPONSES
TO CHAYES PROPOSAL FOR INFORMAL MEETING GF CO-CHAIRMEN)
THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MECHANISMS BY WHICH INFCE
COORDINATION MIGHT BE IMPROVED.

- B. FINAL REPORT DRAFTING COMMITTEE; DR. LOPEZ-MENCHERO
OF SPANISH MISSION HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY HIS BELIEF
THAT IN ADDITION TO FINAL REPORTS FROM EACH OF THE EIGHT
WORKING GROUPS THERE SHOULD BE A FINAL OVERALL INFCE TCC
REPORT. THE TCC FINAL REPORT SHOULD, IN LOPEZ-MENCHERO'S
VIEW, SET FORTH OVERALL INFCE CONCLUSIONS. TO PREPARE
TCC FINAL REPORT, LOPEZ-MENCHERO SUGGESTS DESIGNATION BY
OCTOBER 1978 OF A TCC DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF NINE PERSONS,
ONE FROM EACH WORKING GROUP AND ONE FROM IAEA. THE
DRAFTING COMMITTEE WOULD BE CHAIRED BY THE TCC CHAIRMAN.
LOPEZ-MENCHERO CLAIMS TO HAVE SUPPORT OF SPANISH AND
ARGENTINE CO-CHAIRMEN FOR HIS PROPOSAL, AND SAYS THAT
THESE CO-CHAIRMEN PLAN TO PLACE PROPOSAL FOR TCC FINAL
REPORT AND TCC DRAFTING COMMITTEE BEFORE JUNE TCC.

- C. EDITORIAL COMMITTEE; MR. RAUL ESTRADA, ARGENTINE
RESREP, HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY HIS CONCERN THAT
REPORTS OF EIGHT WORKING GROUPS WILL BE WRITTEN WITH
VARYING FORMATS AND THAT LEVEL OF DETAIL MAY DIFFER
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SUBSTANTIALLY AMONG REPORTS. TO ASSURE SOME DEGREE OF
UNIFORMITY AND TO SIMPLIFY CROSS-REFERENCE AND
COMPARISON, ESTRADA SUGGESTS DESIGNATION BY TCC OF
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD SET GUIDELINE FORMAT AND
SCOPE FOR REPORTS OF EIGHT WORKING GROUPS. EDITORIAL
COMMITTEE MIGHT BE SAME GROUP AS TCC REPORT DRAFTING
COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN PARA B ABOVE.

3. BECAUSE SUCCESS OF JUNE TCC IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN
INFCE CREDIBILITY, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT FOR EACH AGENDA
ITEM U.S. DEL BE PREPARED WITH SPECIFIC DETAILED
PROPOSALS, E.G. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED NOT ONLY TO DISCUSS
SUCH TOPICS AS METHODOLOGY FOR FUEL CYCLE STRATEGY
CALCULATIONS, ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL
CUCLE OPTIONS, AND INFCE COORDINATION MECHANISMS, BUT TO
MAKE SPECIFIC DETAILED PROPOSALS. TO THE EXTENT
POSSIBLE, WE SHOULD PREPARE THESE PROPOSALS WELL IN
ADVANCE OF THE TCC TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSULTA-
TION AND PROPOSED ITERATION AS NECESSARY.

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4. LOPEZ-MENCHERO, WHO AT ONE TIME SERVED AS IAEA DIRECTOR OF SAFEGUARDS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, HAS INFORMALLY APPROACHED MISOFFS WITH SUGGESTION THAT DR. RUDOLF ROMETSCH (IAEA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS) WOULD BE GOOD CANDIDATE FOR TCC CHAIRMANSHIP. ROMETSCH, WHO WILL LEAVE AGENCY THIS SUMMER, HAS INFORMED LOPEZ-MENCHERO THAT BEFORE HE CONSIDERS POSSIBILITY HE WOULD WANT TO KNOW POSITION OF USG. LOPEZ-MENCHERO, WHO SAYS HE SPEAKS FOR SPAIN ON THIS MATTER, BELIEVES ROMETSCH (OR ANY OTHER TCC CHAIRMAN) SHOULD JOINTLY HOLD POSITIONS OF TCC CHAIRMAN, INFCE

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN OF TCC DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

LOPEZ-MENCHERO BELIEVES THAT ROMETSCH ADVANTAGES ARE STRONG TECHNICAL BACKGROUND, SAFEGUARDS EXPERTISE, DEVELOPED WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH INFCE PRINCIPALS FROM PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, REPUTATION FOR OBJECTIVITY IN MATTERS OF NUCLEAR POLICY, SWISS CITIZENSHIP AND IAEA AFFILIATION. LOPEZ-MENCHERO SEEKING USG VIEW ON ROMETSCH CANDIDACY BEFORE HE PROCEEDS FURTHER IN TESTING ROMETSCH INTEREST AND IN SEEKING SUPPORT FOR ROMETSCH CANDIDACY IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER INFCE PARTICIPANTS. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL MISSION REPORT IN REF B TO EFFECT THAT ESTRADA OF ARGENTINE MISSION BELIEVES FUNCTIONS OF TCC CHAIRMAN AND INFCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SHOULD BE SEPARATED AND HELD BY TWO SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS.
AS REPORTED PARA 4 ABOVE, SPANISH VIEW IS THAT THESE
FUNCTIONS SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED, AND THAT THEY SHOULD
BE PERFORMED BY SAME INDIVIDUAL. BECAUSE SPAIN AND
ARGENTINA HAVE CLOSE WG-6 RELATIONSHIP, SPAIN COULD BE
INFLUENTIAL IN PERSUADING ARGENTINA THIS MATTER.
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6. PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR SIAIZON APPROACHED MISOFF TO
STATE HIS CONCERN THAT FRENCH ARE PLAYING OBSTUCTIONIST
ROLE IN INFCE. HE ALLEGED TO HAVE INFORMATION TO EFFECT
THAT FRENCH WG-3 DEL WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO IMPEDE
PROGRESS. SIAIZON OF VIEW THAT FRENCH ATTITUDE COULD BE
IMPROVED BY PROPER APPROACH OF USG AND CHAYES TO FRENCH
INFCE AUTHORITIES, PRIMARILY GOLDSCHMIDT. AS IMPLIED BY
PARA 3, REF C, TCC SECRETARY TERRENCE GARRETT OF VIEW
GOLDSCHMIDT, WHO IS IAEA ELDER STATESMAA, MIGHT BE MORE
SUPPORTIVE OF INFCE IF HE WERE INVITED TO PLAY MORE
ACTIVE CONSULTIVE ROLE IN ONGOING MANAGEMENT OF INFCE.
7. MISSION URGES DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND ON EARLY BASIS TO
PROF. CHAYES SOLICITATION OF TCC AGENDA SUGGESTIONS.
MISSION BELIEVES THAT IT CAN AND SHOULD BEGIN PRE-TCC
CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MISSIONS SOON, BOTH ON MATTER OF
AGENDA AND ON MATTER OF CHAIRMANSHIP. WITH RESPECT TO
AGENDA, CONSULTATIONS BY US MISSION WITH OTHER MISSIONS
PRIOR TO APRIL 10-12 COULD IMPROVE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF
CHAYES CONSULTATIONS. PREFERRED OUTCOME OF CHAYES
CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE WIDELY-SUPPORTED AGENDA WHICH COULD
BE DISSEMINATED PRIOR TO TCC SO THAT PARTICIPANTS CAN
COME PREPARED TO HOLD MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS AND TO MAKE
COMMITMENTS. QUESTIONS RELATING TO CHAIRMANSHIP AND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FUNCTION SHOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE
MEETING TO AVOID CONTROVERSY AT MEETING. FOR MISSION TO
BEGIN CONSULTATIONS THESE MATTERS, DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE IS
REQUESTED. LABOWITZ

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